Grant for continuation of service of Central Staff in Karnataka

1406. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka, among other things, has requested for approval and grant for continuation of the service of the Central staff hired for implementation of various projects under the SJSRY scheme, for another 3 years or until the completion of the projects; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the Centre's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Effect of bifurcation of Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj

†1407. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether various schemes have been badly affected as a result of bifurcation of the Ministries of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj;

(b) the steps Government are taking to protect the State Government facing problems as a result of said bifurcation;

(c) the reasons for said bifurcation;

(d) whether Government have made any study with regard to the impact on the implementation of schemes as a result of said bifurcation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) In order to ensure the effective implementation of the provisions of the Constitution (73rd Amendment Act) and Panchayats Extension to Scheduled Areas Act, 1996), a separate Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been created.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Revenue from Handicrafts exports

1408. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that revenue from handicrafts exports in the next five years is likely to be around Rs. 20,000 crore;

(b) the details of exports during the last three years; and

(c) the steps proposed to remove constraints related to infrastructures?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) Yes, Sir. Keeping in view the current trend of growth in export of handicrafts, it is likely to achieve exports of around Rs. 20,000 crores in the next five years.

(b) The details of handicrafts exports including handknotted carpet registered during the last three years is as under:—

Years	Exports (Rs. in crores)
2001-02	9205.63
2002-03	10933.67
2003-04	12765.18

(c) Steps proposed to remove constraints related to infrastructure